



ODCP Legislative Update

The 85th General Assembly

The Update is a recap of any legislative action (not just action taken on ODCP proposals) relating to drug control and criminal justice issues, the aim of which is to keep you informed of proposed legislation and any progress it makes toward becoming law. This update is as current as the information available at the time of publication. Please feel free to forward this information to others who may be interested.

The Iowa Legislature is scheduled to finish its business and adjourn for the year on May 3rd, 2013. With major items like property tax and education reform currently unresolved, few anticipate adjournment on that date.

As the Legislature continues, we wanted to send an update of bills that are important to your work.

Many bills have died out in what is known as the legislative funnel, a set time where a bill has to advance out of committee or pass the floor of one chamber to be considered eligible for further debate. Bills that include taxes or appropriations are not subject to the funnel.

The bills that have been funneled are eligible to be considered again next year. It is also possible that legislators take pieces of individual bills which failed to pass and amend them onto other bills. If anything of this nature occurs we will try to keep you posted in the next round of updates.

As far as this update goes, we are just including bills which have received a vote in a committee or either chamber.

BILLS OF INTEREST

HF 159 An act relating to the possession of certain products with the intent to use the products to manufacture a controlled substance, and making penalties applicable. **Passed the House 95 to 0, Funneled in Senate Judiciary Committee.**

HF 167 An act establishing a child endangerment offense for the mother of a newborn child who caused an illegal drug to be present in the newborn child's body, and providing a penalty. **Passed House Public Safety Committee 15 to 6, Funneled on the House Floor.**

HF 168 An act relating to the controlled substance of marijuana, providing a penalty, and including an effective date provision. **Passed House 72 to 27, Funneled in Senate Judiciary Committee.**

HF 214 An Act relating to the possession of alcohol by certain minors and juvenile court jurisdiction, and making penalties applicable. **Passed House Judiciary Committee 18 to 3, Funneled on the House Floor.**

HF 468 An act relating to the excise tax on unlawful dealing in certain substances by adding new taxable substances and tax rates, modifying the taxation and rates of currently taxable substances, and making penalties applicable. **Passed House Public Safety Committee, Eligible for vote in House Ways and Means Committee.**

HF 527 An act requiring a person convicted of or receiving a deferred judgment for an aggravated misdemeanor to submit a DNA sample and including effective date provisions. **Passed House 79 to 18, Placed on Senate Unfinished Business Calendar, eligible for debate in the Senate.**

HF 529 An act relating to the underage possession or consumption of alcohol. **Passed House Public Safety Committee, Funneled on the House Floor.**

HF 530 An act relating to the governor's office of drug control policy and certain advisory councils. **Passed House and Senate, Awaiting signature from Governor Branstad.**

HF 558 An act relating to drug control, including the criminal offense of prohibited acts related to controlled substances and the information program for drug prescribing and dispensing, and providing a penalty. **Passed House, Funneled in Senate Judiciary Committee.**

SF 143 An act concerning applications for liquor control licenses and micro-distilled spirits, beer, and wine permits. **Passed Senate 46-0, Funneled in the House.**

SF 304 An act concerning public safety by establishing a public safety training and equipment trust fund, making appropriations to the fund, providing for a public safety training and facilities task force, and making appropriations. **Passed Senate, Eligible for debate in the House.**

SF 326 An act making modifications to the sex offender registry and the statute of limitations for sex abuse offenses, creating a missing children safety fund, and making appropriations. **Passed Senate State Government Committee, Eligible for debate in Senate Appropriations Committee.**

SF 385 "Romeo and Juliet Bill" - An act modifying the imposition of certain special sentences. **Passed Senate 39 to 11, Passed House Public Safety Committee, Placed on House Unfinished Business Calendar, eligible for debate in the House.**

Information, telephone numbers, and websites

The Iowa Legislature's website now contains both live audio and video feeds of debate as it happens on the floors of both chambers. There is also archived video footage of debate available at the legislative website. For these services or information on legislation and other topics, please visit the website.

Legislature Web Site: www.legis.iowa.gov
Daily Legislative Schedules: 515-281-5869
House Switchboard: 515-281-3221 (To Contact Legislators)
Senate Switchboard: 515-281-3371 (To Contact Legislators)
Office of Drug Control Policy: 515-725-0300 or www.iowa.gov/odcp

If you have any questions, comments or would like a bill added to the list, please contact Susie Sher at 515-725-0308 or susie.sher@iowa.gov Thank you.

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